Map for armed force personnels

298. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Prime Minister's Rs. 17,000 crore Married Accommodation Project (MAP) for armed force personnels;

(b) whether it is running behind schedule;

(c) the number of dwellings envisaged under this project; and

(d) the tentative period for the construction and completion of dwellings under this project?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Construction of 1,98,881 dwelling units of married accommodation, for construction in four phases at an estimated cost of Rs. 17,358 crores is proposed. Phase-I of the work covering 61,658 dwelling units has been approved and the work has been assigned to CPWD, DRDO, three PSUs viz. NBCC, RITES and IRCON AND DG MAP, an organisation created out of the establishment of E-in-C's Branch/MES.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Construction of 1,98,881 dwelling units is envisaged.

(d) The proposed construction is likely to be completed by 2008-2009.

Applicability of annual recruitment plan on service personnel

299. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions issued by Department of Personnel and Training (DOP&T) for setting up of Screening Committees for preparing Annual Recruitment Plan are not applicable to service personnel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

.(c) the reasons/justification for application of the above instructions on civilian Stenographers in AFHQ authorised for attachment with such Service Officers?